

*“The Yule Marble Initiative changed my life in a couple different ways. First, being that it provided me with a better understanding of what it is to be a Coloradan. It made me feel a little more connected to this beautiful place that I have always called home. I developed more of an interest and appreciation for our state’s unique qualities that I otherwise may have never been aware of. Being a part of our state’s history also gives me an extra sense of pride to be a Colorado citizen.*

*More importantly, however, the Yule Marble Initiative gave me a sense of hope for my own life and for the lives of those around me. My 12-year-old self was bold enough to go in front of a room of politicians and tell them that ‘even the smallest citizen can have a voice,’ and what was amazing was that those intimidating politicians listened and also agreed with us. What an empowering feeling for a bunch of pre-teens! I try to carry that feeling with me throughout my life and let it be a reminder when I doubt myself or the world around me, that change is possible and even the smallest, most seemingly insignificant of us are capable of making great changes in the world around us. That gives me hope.”*

*- Emily Cameron*